

Agenda Report

Date: January 9, 2006

TO: CITY COUNCIL

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: REJECTION OF BIDS - CONSTRUCTION OF AN UNDERGROUND ELECTRICAL CONDUIT SYSTEM IN LOS ROBLES AVE., FROM WASHINGTON BLVD. TO WOODBURY ROAD.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council reject all bids received on November 30, 2005 in response to specifications LD-05-7 to construct an underground electrical conduit system in Los Robles Ave. from Washington Blvd. to Woodbury Road.

BACKGROUND

On May 24, 2004, the City Council approved the establishment of Underground Utility District 04-1. This project provides for the installation of an underground conduit system in Los Robles Avenue from Washington Blvd. to Woodbury Road. The City has a continuing program to place all overhead utilities underground. Specifically, communication and power lines are being relocated underground and wooden utility poles are being removed.

The Pasadena Water and Power Department and SBC Telephone Company, in an effort to reduce construction time and cost as well as minimize inconvenience to customers, have agreed to utilize a joint trench installation for all affected utility facilities.

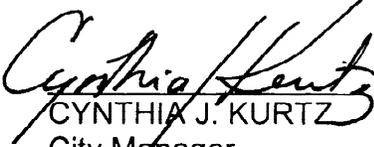
On November 3, 2005, a Notice Inviting Bids for the civil portion of the work was published in *The Pasadena Journal* and posted on the City's web page. In addition, specifications were mailed to four businesses on the Purchasing Division's vendor list. Three bids were opened on November 30, 2005. The bids were for \$2,257,857, \$5,150,776 and \$6,294,883. The low bidder has requested that he be allowed to withdraw his bid due to an error in his calculation and the refusal of his bonding company to provide a performance bond.

Rather than move forward with a contract award at this time, staff believes that rebidding the contract may increase the bidder pool and yield a greater number of responsive bids.

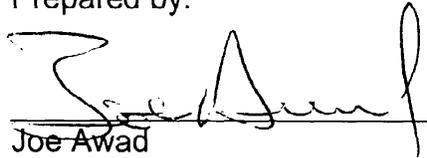
FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact other than minimal printing, advertising and other miscellaneous costs. The rejection of the bids will delay the start of construction and the civil portion of the project may not be completed until fiscal 2007.

Respectfully submitted,


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